



REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration. The claim changes made herein are with respect to the claim changes made in the Amendment filed on November 16, 2004. Based on the Advisory Action, it appears that the November 16, 2004 Amendment has been entered. The Examiner is requested to consider both this Amendment and the Amendment filed on November 16, 2004.

Before issuance of an Office Action, Applicants would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned to schedule an interview.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935..

Respectfully submitted,

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